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Subject: Rate Increase Rescinded for Procedure Code S3620 - Newborn Dried Blood Spot Screening

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, the Medical Assistance Administration rescinds the rate increase for HCPCS code S3620. The reimbursement rate for newborn screens will remain at \$43.90. This memorandum explains the reason.

Corrected Rate for Newborn Dried Blood Spot Screening

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, the rate for newborn dried blood spot screening will remain at \$43.90. Although the 2003 Legislature authorized a rate increase, the increase to \$64.40 was intended to cover five additional tests in the newborn screening panel. These additional tests will not be included in the panel until the Board of Health revises chapter 246-650 WAC and the Department of Health has implemented additional testing. Until the additional tests are included in the panel, additional payment cannot be made. The included tests are as follows:

Procedure Code	Description	Panel tests	7/1/03 Maximum Allowable
S3620	Newborn metabolic screening panel, including test kit, postage and laboratory tests specified by the state for inclusion in the panel	Includes PKU, CAH, congenital hypothyroidism and hemoglobinopathies	\$ 43.90

MAA will perform a mass adjustment to recoup any excess payments that have occurred.

Reminder

Providers may bill MAA for reimbursement only after paying the Department of Health for the cost of the tests. Reimbursement includes two tests for two different dates of service for babies born in birthing centers or at home. Do not bill S3620 if the baby is born in a hospital, as the hospital will be charged for the cost of the tests.

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